

James Cook -Captain of the sea

Have you ever dreamed of sailing the high seas surrounded by the sea and hard working crew members? James Cook succeeded to do this. More than once, James sailed the oceans, especially the pacific. James Cook was born on the 28th of October 1728 in the village of Marton in Yorkshire.

James Cook was baptized on the 3rd of November in the local church of St. Cuthbert. James was the oldest child of eight, and his parents were 'James Cook' and 'Grace Pace.'

In 1736, his family moved to Airey Holme Farm in Great Ayton. After five years of school, James began working for his father and then got promoted to farm manager.

In 1745, when James was 16, he moved to the village of Staithes, he was to be a shop boy. This where he started to want to go out to sea by looking out the shop window every day.

When James was in his later teens, he joined the British merchant navy, and in 1755 he joined the royal navy. He then ended up mapping most of the Saint Lawrence River. Later on in 1766, he was promoted to commander of HM Endeavor for the first of 3 voyages, James sailed largely uncharted areas of the earth. He mapped lands from New Zealand to Hawaii.

James Cook became a British explorer, cartographer, and captain in the royal navy. He then got married to Elizabeth Batts and had 6 children: 'James, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Joseph, George and Hugh Cook. When not at sea or working, James lived in the east end of London. James Cook was killed in Hawaii in a fight with Hawaiians during his third voyage to the pacific in 1779. That unfortunately was a dreadful end but a wonderful life. His ship even made it onto the 50 cent coin. James cook now inspires people to sail the world or live out their dreams n matter how hard the challenge.

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